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Serial No.: Unassigned (§53(b) Cont. of 10/252,581 filed 9/24/02)
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For: TRANSMITTING AND RECORDING MEDIUM,
REPRODUCING METHOD, AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS
OF INFORMATION AND ITS RECORDING MEDIUM
Art Unit: Unassigned (Parent - 2613)
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PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION AND CLAIMS FOR PRIORITY

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT/APPROVAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Submitted with the present application are four (4) sheets of **FORMAL** drawings for Figures 1-5, which include corrections approved and entered in prior application Serial No. 08/463,827. Applicant respectfully requests approval and acknowledgment of the formal drawings, and printing of the formal figures in any patent issuing hereon.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 have been submitted in this application. At entry of this paper, Claims 1-12 are pending in the application for consideration and examination.

CLAIMS FOR PRIORITY

Applicant has amended the specification of the present application to identify all of the prior applications upon which benefit is claimed under §120. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of the domestic claim for priority under §120.

Applicant claims priority of JP 06-136962 filed 24 June 1994. The certified copy of the priority document was filed 8 August 1995 in prior application Serial No. 08/463,827, upon which benefit is claimed herein under §120. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of the completion of requirements for the claim for foreign priority under §119 in the present application.

IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST

HITACHI, LTD. is Assignee of entire right, title and interest in and to the present application by virtue of the Assignment recorded 5 June 1995 in prior application Serial No. 08/463,827 at Reel 0075298, Frames 0901 *et seq.*

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire

to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

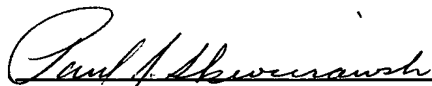
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area telephone 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

This Preliminary Submission is being filed concurrently with the present application or within three (3) months of the filing date, and is therefore timely, and no Petition or fee is possible or required for this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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